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VIGOROUS ATTACK ON LABOUR.

AUSTIN MOTOR WORKS CONTROVERSY.

TORIES ALLEGED THREAT TO COMMANDER.

CHANCELLOR'S PLEA.

London, May 23.
While the Labour Party are accusing Sir Herbert Austin of endeavouring to "intimidate" the workers at the Austin Motor Works into voting Conservative at the King's Norton constituency, the Conservative Party are trying to make much of Mr. R. Dennison's statement that the Labour Party will take over the works in the event of their being closed down.

The Conservatives are suggesting that the Labour attitude is a new form of nationalisation.

The subject was dwelt upon at some length by Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Woodford, Essex.

Socialist "Threat."

He made a plea to Conservatives, Constitutionalists and patriotic Liberals "to arouse themselves to defend the national welfare against the Socialist threat to commandeer works."

Mr. Churchill argued that under the McKenna Duties, the public was getting cheaper motor-cars every year. He mentioned that unemployment at Coventry was practically non-existent.

Then the Socialist Party, with the Liberals yelping at their tail, came on the scene and declared that they would sweep away the McKenna Duties.

General Disturbance.

This, he added, was only one example of the general disturbance of the trade revival and employment which would follow the return of the Socialists to power with Liberal connivance.

Referring to Mr. Philip Snowden's quotation of the Emergency Powers Act, Mr. Churchill said that the act was only intended for real emergencies like the Great War and the General Strike, but, of course, the powers were on the Statute Book.

No Man Safe.

"If the Socialist Government could make use of the Emergency Powers Act to take over any work or to close down any newspaper or to restrict that a national emergency had arisen, no man's business would be safe."
"I do not believe they have the power," he went on, "but their meaning is plain."

Sir H. Austin's Reply.

Sir Herbert Austin in a lengthy reply to Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Snowden, says he holds it his duty to warn electors, especially his workers, because it would be too late after the election. He is well aware of the Emergency Powers Act and also aware that if any Government committed the unpardonable crime of deliberately destroying an important industry by repealing the McKenna duties, the electors would not leave it in office long enough to put the emergency powers into operation. Anyway, no Government department could resurrect an industry in the last stages of decay.

Liberal Policy.

A statement of the Liberal policy has been prepared under the direction of the Liberal leaders and released for publication.

It declares that the primary object of the Liberal policy is to abolish war as a method of settling international disputes, and says that war, past or future, takes thirteen shillings out of every pound of national taxation—money which if war was ended, would be expended in national development and other public services.—*Reuter.*

TYPHOON WARNING.

The Manila Observatory reports, at 10.30 a.m. to-day, that there is a typhoon in about 128 Long. E. and 12 Lat. N., direction being unknown.

COMPSTON IS OUT FOR BLOOD.

HAGEN'S WITHDRAWAL FROM MATCH STARTLES.

WILL HE RECONSIDER?

London, May 23.
In the course of a somewhat remarkable article in the *Evening Standard* headed "Out For Blood" Archie Compston, the famous British golfer, whom Hagen yesterday expressed a disinclination to play, endeavours to stimulate Hagen to retract his decision to withdraw.

Hagen had contracted to meet Compston in a challenge match for a big stake, the first half to be played at Moor Park on May 31st, and the second half at Birmingham on June 1st.

Hundreds of tickets have already been sold for the match, and Hagen's withdrawal on the score of tiredness has caused a great sensation in the golfing world, particularly as he has just won the British Open Title.

It is recalled that Hagen lost by 18 up and 17 to play against Compston last year, and that he lost both of his competitive matches with Duncan during his present visit to England.

Compston says he "cannot make up his mind whether Hagen or his game is unfit, but there is still time for him to change his mind." Compston adds that he wants to show Britain that he is a match for any of the Americans in a hand to hand contest.

The promoters of the challenge match are now endeavouring to get Johnny Farrell to deputise for Hagen.—*Reuter.*

MURDER ATTEMPT IN KOVNO.

TERRORIST STUDENT GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE.

Kovno, May 23.

Arrested following the attempted assassination of M. Valdemaras, the Prime Minister, a young terrorist student named Vosylus confessed to participation in the attack on the Premier's party when he was tried by court-martial to-day.

It will be recalled that a gang of four men opened fire on M. Valdemaras when the Lithuanian Premier was leaving the theatre. His A. D. C. was killed instantly, his adopted son was severely wounded, and a small girl was also shot.

In the course of his confession, Vosylus implicated another student named Gudelis. He denounced Gudelis in strong terms, and alleged that he was the ringleader in the plot.

The Court passed sentence of death upon Vosylus.—*Reuter.*

THE RED HAND IN THE SOVIET.

FORMER HIGH OFFICIALS EXECUTED.

Moscow, May 23.

It is officially announced that as the result of "counter-revolutionary activities in railway transport in the gold and platinum industries," M. Von Meek and M. Velichko, who both were formerly high officials in the Commissariat of Communications, and M. Palechinsky, who was formerly a Professor, of the Leningrad Mining Industry, have been sentenced to death and executed.

Others implicated in the alleged plot have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.—*Reuter.*

SEQUEL TO SPANISH REVOLT.

HEAVY PENALTIES DEMAND-ED IN COURT-MARTIAL.

Madrid, May 23.
The greatest interest is being taken in the court-martial at Ciudad Real of thirty-three military officers and three civilians in connexion with the insurrection at the end of January. The Public Prosecutor demanded the death sentence in eight cases and penal servitude for life in the case of the remainder.—*Reuter.*

KEEN INSURANCE COMPETITION.

CAUTIOUS POLICY ADVOCATED.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY MEETING REFERENCES.

THE BONUS DIVIDEND.

The difficult times facing marine insurance companies were stressed at the annual meeting of shareholders in the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., held this morning.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden, who presided, said the keen competition for business made it necessary for Head Offices of marine companies to exercise very close supervision of activities throughout the world. A hopeful feature, however, was that underwriters in London were apparently realising the seriousness of the position and conferences were being held from time to time with the object of bringing about an improvement. They were also operating on a more cautious and restricted basis.

Reference was made to the discontinuance of the bonus dividend which had been paid for the past four years. This was described as a precautionary measure. The Society did not think it advisable to continue paying such a large proportion of profits in dividends. It was intimated, however, that the present distribution of 22 per cent share could be maintained, and as profits accumulated, an increase in the permanent dividend might be made.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts were issued on the 3rd May and you will have had time to examine the figures appearing in the balance sheet. I propose therefore to follow the usual procedure and take them as well as the auditors' report as read.

The Working Account for the year 1927 after allowing for a bonus to contributors and an interim dividend of 24 per cent shows a balance of \$148,020.25 available for distribution and your Directors recommend that this balance be dealt with in the following manner:—A final Dividend of 16 per cent on 135,000 shares to be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$108,000, and that the balance remaining be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the Account for the year 1927. The balance of the Working Account for the year 1928 is \$436,179.15 and the Board recommends an interim dividend of 24 per cent be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$102,000 and that a bonus of 20 per cent be paid to contributors of business on bonus terms, absorbing about \$20,000, and the remainder be carried forward.

Keen Competition.

As regards marine business generally for the past year, I wish I were in a position to sound a really hopeful note, but whilst in hull rates, cargo rates have remained at an extremely low level and it has not yet been found possible to bring about any material increase. Several of the marine tariffs have recently collapsed owing to competition from non-tariff sources and the outlook, as far as cargo business is concerned, is therefore not very encouraging.

With the keen competition for business that at present exists it seems to me to be essentially a time when the Head Offices of Marine Companies should exercise very close supervision of their activities throughout the world and thus assist in placing the business on a more stable basis. There is one hopeful feature in the whole situation and that is that underwriters in London and at other centres are apparently realising the seriousness of the position and conferences are being held from time to time with the object of bringing about an improvement.

Greater Caution.

Underwriters, I believe, are also operating on a more cautious and restricted basis, which should be of benefit to the industry. (Continued on Page 7.)

TWO-DAY COUNTY CRICKET.

MIDDLESEX AND KENT WIN OVER WEAK SIDES.

THRILLS AT TAUNTON.

London, May 23.
Two of the county cricket matches started yesterday ended to-day, Middlesex defeating Worcester by an innings and 190 runs, and Kent scoring a victory over Somerset by 89 runs.

Except in Middlesex's first innings at Lord's the two games were notable for the ascendancy of the bowlers over the batsmen.

Middlesex put up the formidable total of 453 runs in their one and only innings, thanks to consistent batting. Nigel Haig gave the outstanding exhibition, hitting 130 before his wicket was taken. He also bowled well, taking 4 wickets for 14 runs when Worcester went in. The visitors were dismissed for 167 and following on 236 runs in arrears, were dismissed for the paltry total of 96. H. J. Enthoven, the Cambridge Blue, took five wickets for 35 runs. In Middlesex's first innings, H. A. Gilbert bowled excellently, his five wickets costing 93 runs.

Kent visiting Taunton had an exciting match, but Somerset could not bat as well as they bowled, and lost by 89 runs. Kent batted first, compiling 315 (Wellard 6 for 108) to which Somerset replied with 166, Freeman taking five wickets for 67 runs.

Kent went in a second time with a lead of 149 runs, and a dramatic change came over the game, the Kent wickets falling rapidly. The whole side was dismissed for 63 runs. J. C. White played the principal part in effecting the collapse, taking five wickets for 20 runs.

Requiring 213 runs to win, Somerset could not cope with the bowling of Freeman, who took 6 wickets for 60 runs. The final score was 123.—*Reuter.*

OLYMPIA EXHIBITION.

QUEEN PERFORMS OPENING CEREMONY.

London, May 23.
H. M. the Queen figured in a brief ceremony when she opened the Royal Exhibition at Olympia to-day.

In the Great Hall, the crowd stood motionless when the hands pealed out the National Anthem. Then it burst into cheering, loud and long.

Three guards of honour, supplied by the Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force occupied the whole arena.

The Prince of Wales wore the uniform of the Welch Guards.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES.

LOAN UNDERWRITTEN IN LONDON.

London, May 23.

The loan to be issued by the Bank of England on behalf of the Electricity Board was underwritten to-day.

The amount will be £3,000,000, and the loan will take the form of four per cent. 1926-1929, to be offered at 83 per cent.

The loan will be devoted to the financing of the schemes of the Electricity Board which was set up to develop the electric supplies of this country.—*British Wireless.*

RAIN PREDICTED.

The Observatory reports that the depression has moved to the north-east of Tokyo. Another is indicated over Tongking. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: S.E. on variable winds, moderate, cloudy, overcast; rain.

The rainfall registered at the Observatory for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.37 inch. This makes the year's total 10.16 inches, compared with an average of 19.97 inches.

Washington, May 23.
The Secretary for Commerce, Mr. Lamont, states that the first four months of 1929 has evidenced record industrial and commercial activity in American history.—*Reuter.*

HOW COLONY KEPT EMPIRE DAY.

SERVICES AT BOTH CATHEDRALS.

STIRRING ADDRESSES ON EMPIRE IDEALS.

COLLEGE FUNCTIONS.

Empire Day was observed in the Colony to-day by the holding of the customary services at the Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals, whilst special functions also took place at St. Joseph's College, at which the prizes in the annual essay competition and the inter-class football competition were distributed, and at the Diocesan Boys' School.

The day is being observed as a holiday in Government departments, whilst men-of-war in port dressed ship for the occasion.

College Function.

Over 800 boys assembled at St. Joseph's College this morning, when Brother Almar, the Director of the College, introduced the Right Rev. Monsignor John Bigland, who distributed the prizes, and addressed the boys. Monsignor Bigland is the private secretary of Archbishop O'Doherty in Manila and is on his way to England on vacation. He has been intimately connected with Empire work as chaplain to His Majesty's Forces in various parts of the world, especially during the Great War, and the St. Joseph's boys were favoured in being addressed by one whose actual experience and personal observations inspired the sentiments to which he gave expression in a stirring address.

The prize-winners in the Empire Day Essay Competition were as follows:

Matriculation Class—Profirio M. Nolasco da Silva.
Class 2 A.—Luis F. Ribeiro.
Class 2 B.—Francis Lim.
Class 2 C.—Alexander Willem Wong.

The matriculation boys, under the leadership of Captain J. M. Lezama, won the Football Shield.

Diocesan Boys' School.

At the Diocesan Boys' School and Orphanage the whole school, boarders and day boys, was assembled in the School Hall, and at school prayers.

Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones gave an address on the spirit of Empire, which, he said, was not conquest and force, but a desire for expansion and freedom under law and order. In all Empires and great countries, this demanded responsibility, duty, sympathy, self-sacrifice and service.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Rev. E. K. Quick on True Greatness.

At St. John's Cathedral an address was delivered by the Rev. E. K. Quick, M.A., to a large gathering of young people, comprising Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and the pupils of various schools of the Colony.

The service, which was conducted by the Dean (the Rev. H. V. Alfred Swann), the Rev. H. V. Koop and the Rev. E. K. Quick, commenced with a Processional Hymn which was followed by prayers and the hymn "O God, Whose Mighty Works of Old." The Dean read the lesson after which there were responses. The hymn, "City of God, how broad and far," was then sung, after which the Rev. E. K. Quick delivered his address. The service concluded with the hymn "Land of Our Birth We Pledge to Thee," the national Anthem and the Blessing.

The speaker dealt with the true meaning of greatness, stating it meant service to others and sacrifice, and illustrating the meaning of the word as exemplified by the British Empire. He stated that once the British Empire failed in service and sacrifice, it would no longer be great.

Every boy and girl who was worth anything, he said, "hoped to be great one day, but their ideas of greatness when they grew older were quite different from what they were in youthful days. A boy would probably want to be a great cricketer or footballer, and a girl perhaps a great nurse or musician."

History had given the title of "great" to some well-known men and although he was no historian, (Continued on Page 2.)

LABOUR PROBLEM IN INDIA.

ROYAL COMMISSION NOW APPOINTED.

TERMS OF REFERENCE.

London, May 23.
The personnel of the Royal Commission, under the chairmanship of the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Whitley, to investigate Indian labour problems, has been announced.

The Commission consists of twelve members, including Sir Alexander Murray, long associated with Indian jute mills and mines, and at one time representative of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce in the Legislative Council; the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, P.C., President of the Servants of India Society, Sir Victor Sassoon, Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola, one time member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Bombay; and one woman, Miss Beryl Power, of the Ministry of Labour.

The first intimation that the Commission would be formed was made at the opening of the Indian Legislative Council at New Delhi in January, when the Viceroy announced that His Majesty the King had approved the establishment of a Commission.

It is constituted with the following terms of reference: "To enquire into and report on existing conditions of labour in the industrial undertakings and plantations in British India, on the health, efficiency and standard of living of the workers, and to make recommendations."

The chairman, Mr. Whitley, is ex-Speaker of the House of Commons.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

OIL CONSERVATION IN U.S.A.

IMPORTANT GATHERING IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, May 23.

Representatives of the Federal Oil Conservation Board and of the American Petroleum Institute met informally to-day for the purpose of discussing the possibility of solving the problem of waste and over-production by means of an inter-State agreement.

The proposals it is understood incline the imposition of a limit upon the amount of drilling that may be done.

The Secretaries of the Navy, of War, and of Commerce, and the President of the Petroleum Institute were among those who attended the meeting, which presumably is a prelude to the conference of State Governors called by President Hoover for June 6th.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GRAF ZEPPELIN OFF TO GERMANY.

LEAVES TOULON IN THE EVENING.

Toulon, May 23.

Taking off without great difficulty, the Graf Zeppelin left Cours Pler for Friedrichshafen at 8.25 p.m. to-day.

The Zeppelin has been at Cours since Friday last week when her commander, Dr. Eckener, decided to land after his partially disabled craft had been battling with adverse winds for some hours.

It appears that the giant dirigible has lost a good deal of gas as the result of the damage inflicted in addition to the breakdown of her engines, but the weather is favourable and it is anticipated that she will reach Germany without difficulty.—*Reuter.*

COLONY'S FINANCES.

CREDIT BALANCE EXCEEDS NINE MILLIONS.

The Colony's finances at the end of January showed the credit balance to be \$2,203,904, compared with \$3,091,638 at the end of December.

Revenue during January totalled \$2,153,253, as against \$2,096,691 for the same month last year.

The month's expenditure totalled \$1,040,987, as against \$1,877,291 for January of 1928.

CANTON OUTLOOK EASIER.

KWANGSI TROOPS STILL RETREATING.

DEFEAT SAID TO BE DUE TO TREACHERY.

CHAN MING-SHU GONE.

As a result of the heavy reverse suffered by the Kwangsi invaders, the situation in Canton is at present much more composed.

News from a reliable source indicates that the defeated Kwangsi troops are retreating towards Kwangning, on the Bamboo River, and the situation appears to be developing in favour of Kwangtung.

General Chan Ming-shu, who has been in Hongkong over two months recovering from the injuries which he received in the King Edward Hotel fire, left this morning.

General Chan left this morning at five o'clock on the gunboat Hai Fu for Canton accompanied by Mr. Fan Ke-mo, (Finance Minister of the Canton Government.) Madame Chan Ming-shu is to leave for Canton to-night on the s.s. Fatsan.

Samshui Retaken.

Canton, May 23.
There is no news of importance regarding the war situation. It is, however, understood that the Kwangsi troops are retreating all along the line. Samshui is reported to be in the hands of the Cantonese and the Kwangsi troops that left there on Tuesday are trying to rejoin the main army which was defeated near Lupa and which is retreating in a north-westerly direction.

Latest reports state that the Cantonese victory was considerably exaggerated, the number of prisoners and casualties being very much less than the seventy per cent. claimed by the Cantonese in their official communiques.

A New Drive?

The opinion generally expressed here both amongst the Chinese and the foreign community is that the war is by no means at an end; it is said that the Kwangsi forces will gather again and a new drive on Canton from the North River is quite possible, even likely.

However, at the moment all is quiet in and around Canton and it must be some few days before any further developments are likely, unless the Cantonese follow up their victory and press the Kwangsi troops back over the border where they are still suffering from the effects of their recent defeat.

Still it is not expected that General Chan Chai-long will allow his troops to proceed so far from their base, for, in spite of their temporary advantage, it would be a grave danger to allow Canton to remain, even for a few days, without troops. Trouble in that case might come from within the city.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Cause of Kwangsi Defeat.

Canton, May 23.
The Kwangsi forces operating in the West and North River districts are withdrawing temporarily, admitting their defeat. They attribute their recent failure to their over-confidence in Cantonese troops who had found them and the treachery of some of their own men. Delay in the arrival of reinforcements and the timely Despatch of Cantonese forces from the East to the North River Sector also helped Canton to save the day.

Two regiments of Canton troops under Brigadier Yu Hon-man, who turned pro-Kwangsi several days ago, attacked the Kwangsi rear when success was in sight, and when the Cantonese were about to surrender the Arsenal.

Two Canton regiments which first fought for Kwangsi, turned around again at the last moment and, almost succeeded in annihilating the vanguards of the Kwangsi-ites.

Being Reorganized.

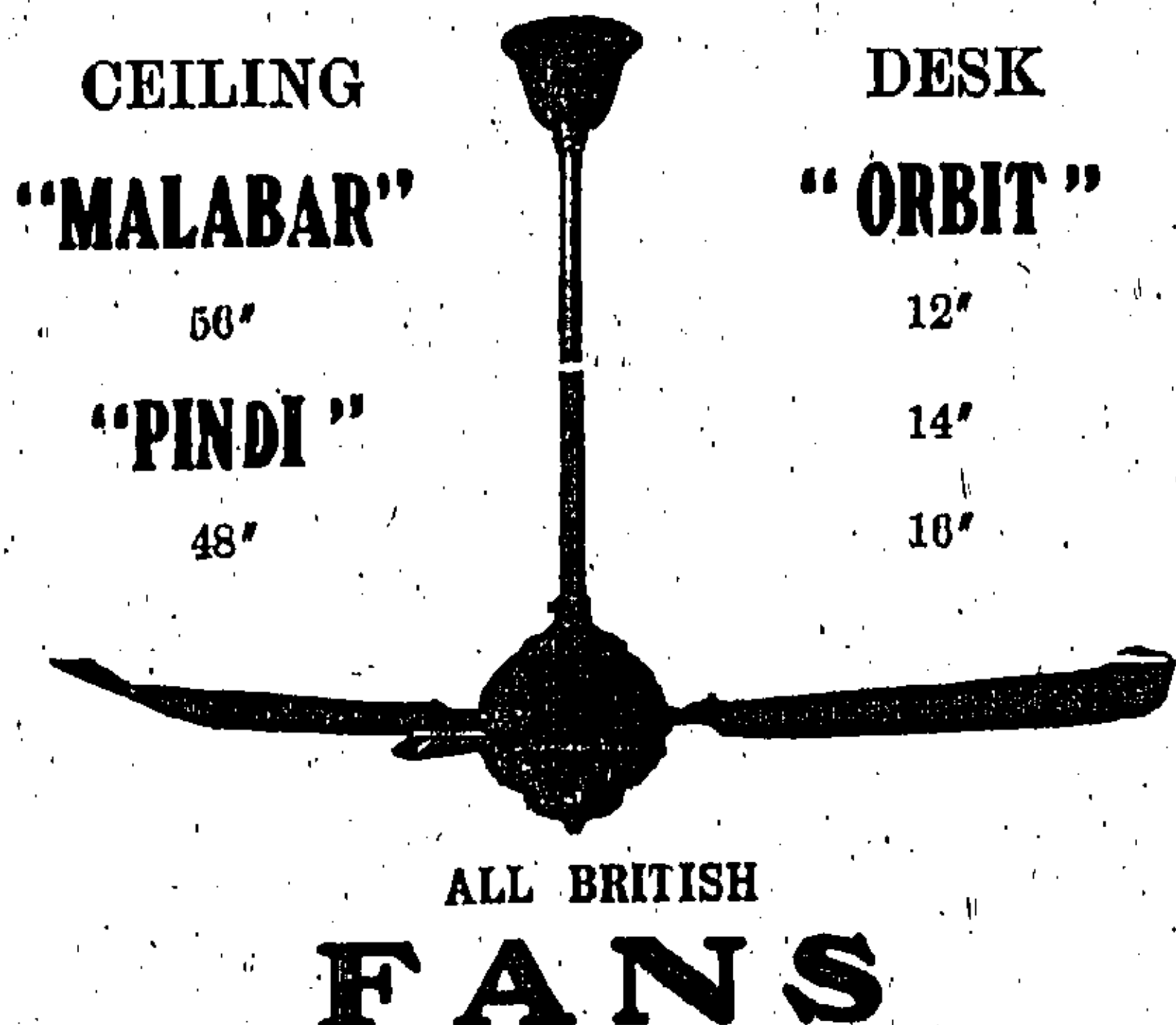
The Kwangsi Army began their retreat on May 21, and they are now reorganizing in Szewui, Lupa, and Tsingyuen. Part of the forces separated from the main body are now near Fatsan and in other districts around the West River. (Continued on Page 3.)

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SOME EDUCATION PROBLEMS.

COLLEGE HEADMASTER ON AN
EVIL PRACTICE.

BENEFITS OF SPORT.

"There is a general tendency among Hongkong boys to apply for admission into classes for which they are totally unfit. They little realize that even if they succeed, through exceptionally good luck, in passing the entrance test, they will derive very little benefit from the lessons which they will not be able to follow. Parents and guardians will do well to check this evil practice, because speed in education is a 'cant evil' which does incalculable harm."

This is an extract from the report of Mr. Lim Hoi-yan, read at the annual distribution of prizes of the Wah Yan College last evening. The Headmaster also dwelt upon the value of studying poetry as a means to improve reading.

The school hall was filled to overflowing, and besides a large number of parents and friends of the pupils of the college, there were present the Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, O.B.E., LL.D., who gave away the prizes won in class as well as those won at the annual school sports held at Caroline Hill a few weeks ago, Bishop Valtorta, Fr. Byrne, Rev. Mr. Short of the London Mission and Rev. Mr. Gies of the Basel Mission.

The pupils rendered a pleasing programme of musical items, while a selection was given by the St. Louis Band, consisting mostly of small boys. An item which provoked laughter was given by the Scouts of the college under the direction of Mr. E. Zimmermann. Besides giving an imitation of "Ten Little Nigger Boys" they gave a few popular Scout songs, which were loudly applauded.

Headmaster's Report.

The following are extracts from the Headmaster's report:—
This is the ninth annual report on the Wah Yan College. During the year 1928 the highest number on roll was 808 (671 in 1927), and the average attendance was 762 (630 in 1927) or 94%, which shows that the health of the college was not bad. The total number of meetings for the year was 378, that is eight more than the previous year.

After the New Year vacation 483 boys applied for admission, but less than fifty were admitted. Those who were refused admission were too old or unfit for the class into which they wished to be admitted. At the end of the summer vacation 423 boys sat for our entrance examination, and only 37 passed the test.

Kowloon Branch.

Our branch school at Mongkok, on the mainland opposite, was formally opened by Mr. A. B. Wood, Director of Education, on April 26. In March, 1928, we had 374 boys on roll, but acting on the advice of Mr. Wood we gradually reduced the number to about 300 for greater efficiency. Up to the present time we have been managing the school at a loss, but with the promised assistance of the Government we shall be able to make ends meet in future.

The New Extension.

Early in the year our Director, Mr. Peter Tsui, interviewed His Lordship, Bishop Valtorta, and Rev. Father Banchio and succeeded in persuading them to build a science laboratory and four new class-rooms for the college on the plot of vacant land adjoining the old building. Work was started just before the college broke up for the summer vacation, and the building was completed before the end of October. The boys were able to make use of the science room for perfecting experiments for a few weeks before the Local Examination took place, and this materially helped them to pass.

THE DUKE DEPARTS.

CORDIAL FAREWELL ON
LEAVING JAPAN.

Yokohama, May 23.

Despite drenching rain, large crowds of British and Japanese turned out to see off the Duke of Gloucester and his suite when they sailed by the Empress of Asia for Canada.

Among those present were Prince Chichibu, Baron Hayashi and other dignitaries, who journeyed specially from Tokyo to see His Royal Highness off. The sailing of the vessel was delayed half an hour owing to stormy weather, which prevented an originally planned escort of fifty planes, though four destroyers escorted the ship to the head of Tokyo Bay.

Before his departure the Duke of Gloucester dined informally at the Yokohama Club as the guest of British ex-servicemen of Tokyo and Yokohama.—*Reuter.*

some with distinction, in both physics and chemistry. I should like to take this opportunity once more to thank His Lordship and the Italian Fathers for their constant support and encouragement, and for the unfailing interest they always take in the development and progress of the college.

The Examinations.

No school report is complete unless some reference is made to the examinations. Though some people have from time to time advocated their abolition, schools and colleges as well as universities know that they cannot do away with them without losing their prestige.

The passing of examinations which is usually the passport to a business or professional career is not the end and aim of education; whose function is to produce good citizens. We ought to pursue knowledge for its own sake. Our fathers thought more of wisdom and learning than the majority of us do. We are inclined to think of education in terms of dollars and cents and forget that there may be forms of education less paying than the commercial and yet better worth paying for; nay, above computation in price. Socrates held that "virtue is knowledge." Study, the road to truth, is also the road to virtue.

I am not going to dilate on the successes of the college at the last Matriculation and Local Examinations. Of the boys who sat for the Matriculation and Senior Local Examination, seven passed the Matriculation, one with honours; and nine were awarded Senior Local Certificates. Altogether they obtained seven distinctions. We presented 35 candidates for the Junior Local Examination and 48 passed, obtaining among them 26 distinctions. Fung Kwok-wa, our champion athlete, was one of those who passed with distinctions.

The Curriculum.

Every year when the examinations are over there is a lot of discussion about the congestion of the school curriculum and about boys being compelled to take too many sections. I am glad to be able to say that our boys are not compelled to bite off more than they can chew. They are free to make their own choice, and when their selection has been made we give them every help and encouragement. When we are satisfied that a boy is attempting too much, we never fail to advise him to concentrate on those subjects in which he is most likely to do himself justice.

It may surprise some of our critics to hear that those of our boys who obtained several distinctions at the recent examinations were those who offered from nine to twelve sections, and that those who failed were the so-called "specialists" who concentrated their attention on five or six. It may be argued that the former might have obtained a higher percentage of marks and more distinctions if they had dropped a few sections.

MURDER DISCOVERED.

MAN'S BODY FOUND IN
VACANT PREMISES.

A gruesome find was made in the bathroom at No. 456, Nathan Road, ground floor, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, when a neighbour discovered the dead body of a Chinese who had apparently been done to death three days previously. From investigations, it would appear that there was a woman in the case, but no arrests had been effected up to a late hour last night.

It seems the discovery was made by a man named Li Tip, who lives on the top floor of No. 454, Nathan Road. Near the body were found a three-cornered file, a hammer, a pen knife, a hammer and a ruler. The man had apparently been attacked and stabbed in the chest and head.

So far as could be ascertained last night, the floor on which the body was found was vacant, but a Chinese woman, who described herself as Wong Him-fai, and who stated she lived at No. 36, Wood Road, second floor, Wanchai, rented the floor last Saturday, paid a deposit of \$5, and intimated she would have the place cleaned out and would take possession on Tuesday. This woman did not take possession of the floor, and she has not been seen since. It has been discovered that she gave a false address, as there is no house bearing the number 36 in Wood Road.

The body is that of a man between 25 and 30 years of age, of strong build, having the appearance of a carpenter or a painter. He was dressed in white cotton clothes with blue stripes, no socks, and his hair was cut short.

The body has been removed to the public mortuary.

but we do not subscribe to that opinion.

We recognise the necessity of specialising at a University; but premature specialisation produces a brain bulging out inordinately on one side and on the other cut flat down, and mostly paralytic at that. Our object is to provide our boys with a wide culture, an inter-related scheme of knowledge which touches several spheres of activity, so that after leaving college they may take an interest in what is going on around them, for their place in a social whole is part of the essence of their existence. To realize our object we need the co-operation of parents and guardians, whom we should like to remind that "every boy attends three schools—the school of the home, the school of the street, and the educational establishment itself. No matter how good the last may be, no matter how conscientious the teachers, its influence may be nullified by the school of the home and the school of the street."

Dr. Ts'o's Address.

Before giving away the prizes the Hon. Dr. Ts'o said in part:

Mr. Lim, the Headmaster, has kindly sent me a copy of the School Report for 1928 which I read with the greatest interest. The very first thing I noticed in the Report was that the College had 808 students on its roll last year. This is indeed a pleasant surprise and I believe that this is the largest number of students that any one school in the Colony has so far attained. I congratulate the staff and the management of the College for carrying on such a big institution so successfully.

Value of Field Games.

I should like here to say a few words to the boys urging them one and all to go in for open-field games. It is a part—I may say an important part—of their education. Chinese parents are apt to say to their boys that "Stodiousness brings good result while play yields no benefit."

I must tell them that the word "play" in that phrase does not mean proper games. It means that kind of play which distracts a boy's

CORRESPONDENCE.

"KEEP WATCH."

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—With reference to the above film which by kind permission of the Hongkong Amusements Ltd. the Navy League (Hongkong Branch) are showing at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow I would like to draw the attention of your readers to it, who are British subjects.

The Committee trust that those who are interested in the protection of our far flung empire will be able to visit the 5 o'clock performance on that day. I might mention that after "Keep Watch" is shown the ordinary programme of the Queen's Theatre will be carried out.

As you are well aware Great Britain has made a "gesture to the world" and greatly reduced her navy.

There is always a danger through over enthusiasm of diminishing the strength of our Navy to an incompetence.

It takes many years to train officers and men for the service and it is the duty of the Navy League to warn the British public from falling into the egregious error of allowing the Government to have its good judgment eclipsed by specious arguments which are found amongst agitators for a further reduction of our fleet and men.

In your columns the objects of the League have been so often set forth that I will not overload them by a reiteration.

However any British subject who is not fully aware of its purposes but is in sympathy with the League's motives, I shall be very pleased to furnish him or her with the desired information.

In conclusion I would again appeal to all British subjects to join the League and thus assist its worthy cause.

The subscription is only \$5.00 per annum which amount may be forwarded direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Alexandra Buildings. For a further \$3.00 per annum the "Navy"—the official magazine of the League may be obtained.—Yours, etc.,

L. M. WHYTE.

Hon. Sec., Navy League, Hongkong.

attention and produces inattentiveness while learning a lesson. I should like both parents and boys to understand and realize the true value of games and how they can be of educational value to them apart from their being health-giving. Take, for instance, a game of football. The players are kept strictly to the Rules of the game. If they should disobey such rules they would be disqualified or might be ordered out of the field. They must take what they would give and play fairly. They must always be on the alert and quick in their decision as to what they would do. They must co-operate with each other in their team. Selfishness would invariably lead to a loss of their game. Above all, they must submit to the decision of their umpire and take victory and defeat alike in an open-minded mood and a gentlemanly manner. I may say that every game they play is a lesson in character-forming. Do not therefore regard games merely in the aspect of health-giving or pleasurable enjoyment. They give something more than that. The spirit of a game is a sure foundation for building up a manly character; and you must appreciate and acquire it. Ladies and gentlemen, it is now getting late and I do not wish to detain you any longer. I will only say that I wish Wah Yan College every success (Applause).

The prizes were then distributed to the successful boys, after which, led by Mr. E. Zimmermann, three cheers and a "tiger" were given to Dr. Ts'o, and the St. Louis Band brought the afternoon's function to a successful conclusion by a rendering of the British National Anthem.

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IF YOU SEE SAM PLEASE NOTIFY SOMEBODY—HERE'S HIS PICTURE—IT'S A GOOD LIKENESS, UNLESS HE'S CHANGED SOME SINCE TAKIN' THE FALL.

THIS IS A VIEW OF JENKINS' FARM, AND X MARKS THE SPOT WHERE SAM IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LANDED.

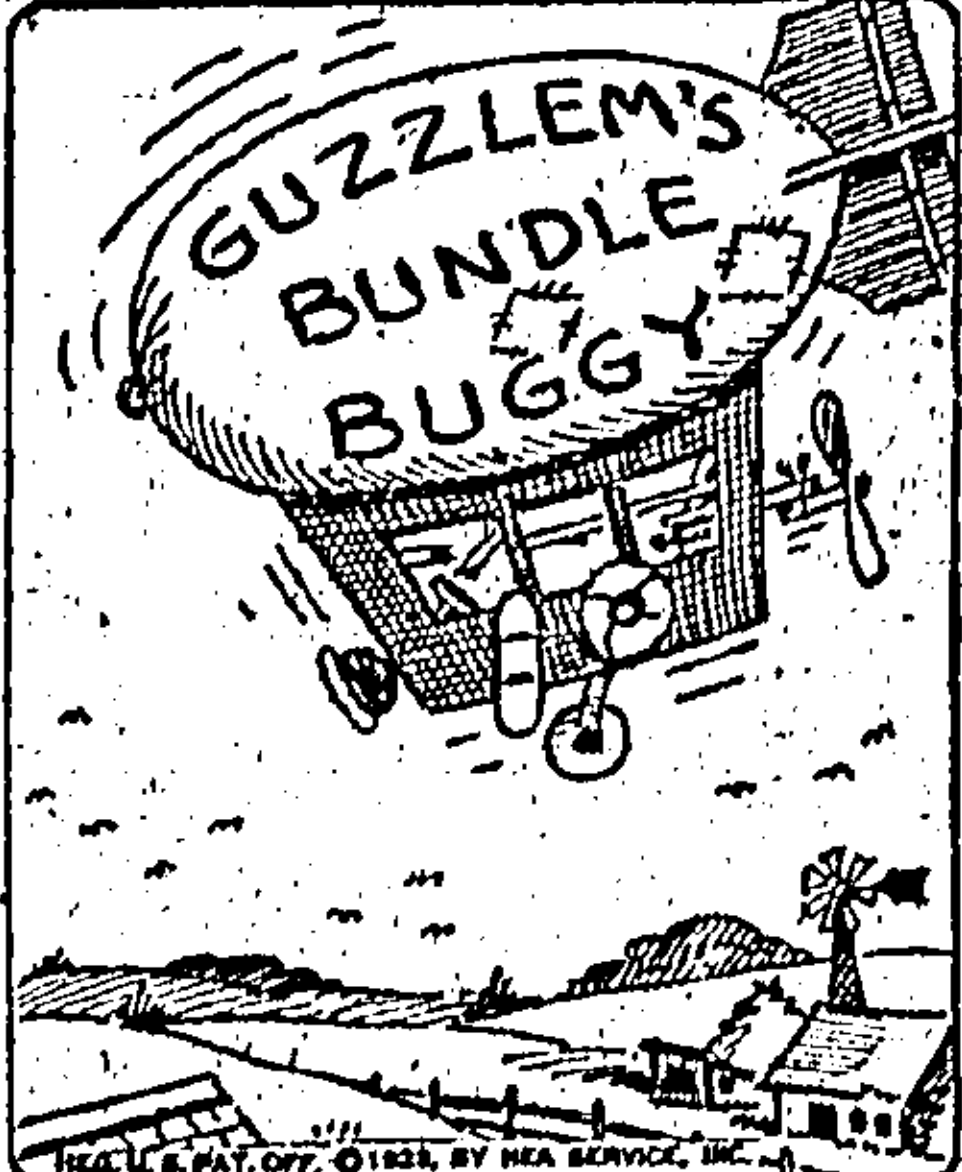


The Mystery Deepens



BUT APPARENTLY HE DIDN'T LAND AS PER SCHEDULE, BECAUSE GULL (SHOWN ABOVE) HAS SEARCHED EVERY AVAILABLE SPOT ON THE FARM.

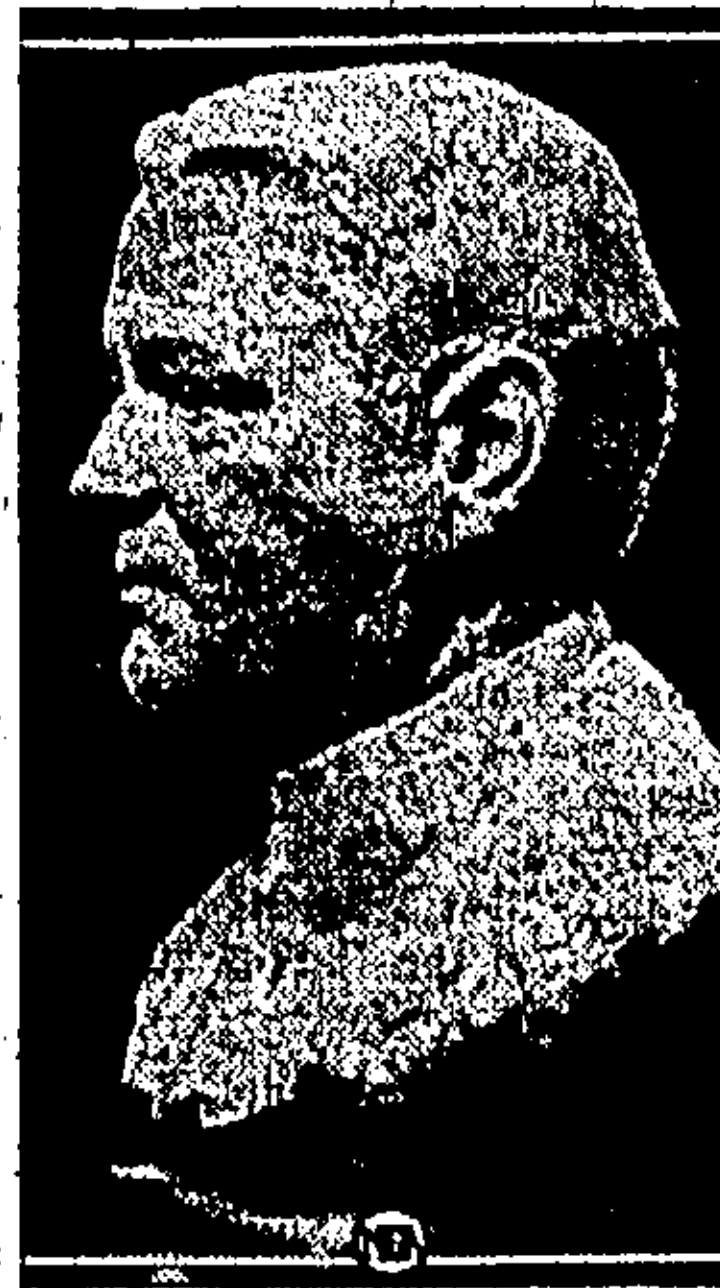
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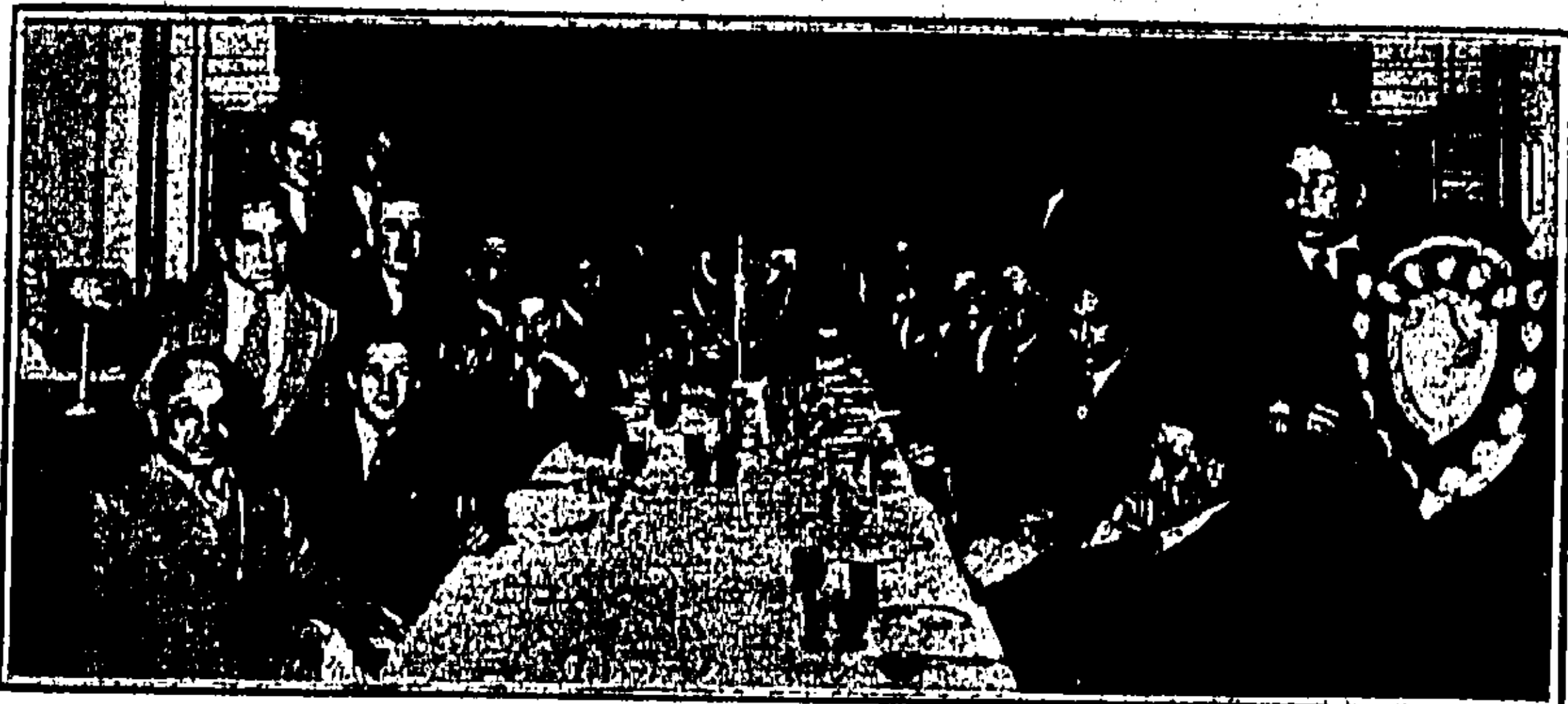
GUZZLE'S SEARCH CONTINUES AND, IN THE MEANTIME, HERE IS THE BLIMP SAM FELL OUT OF—IT'S STILL FLOATING AIMLESSLY AROUND AND WILL HAVE TO BE RECOVERED AFTER SAM IS FOUND—IF HE EVER IS.



Group taken after the wedding at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Shanghai, of Miss Rosalina Rozario and Mr. A. A. Carion.



A bust of President Hoover, made by Mr. J. Davidson, a well-known American sculptor, now on exhibition in San Francisco.



The football section of the Shanghai Recreation Club are shown above at a dinner celebrating a most successful season. They carried off the S. F. A. Trophy and four other competitions.



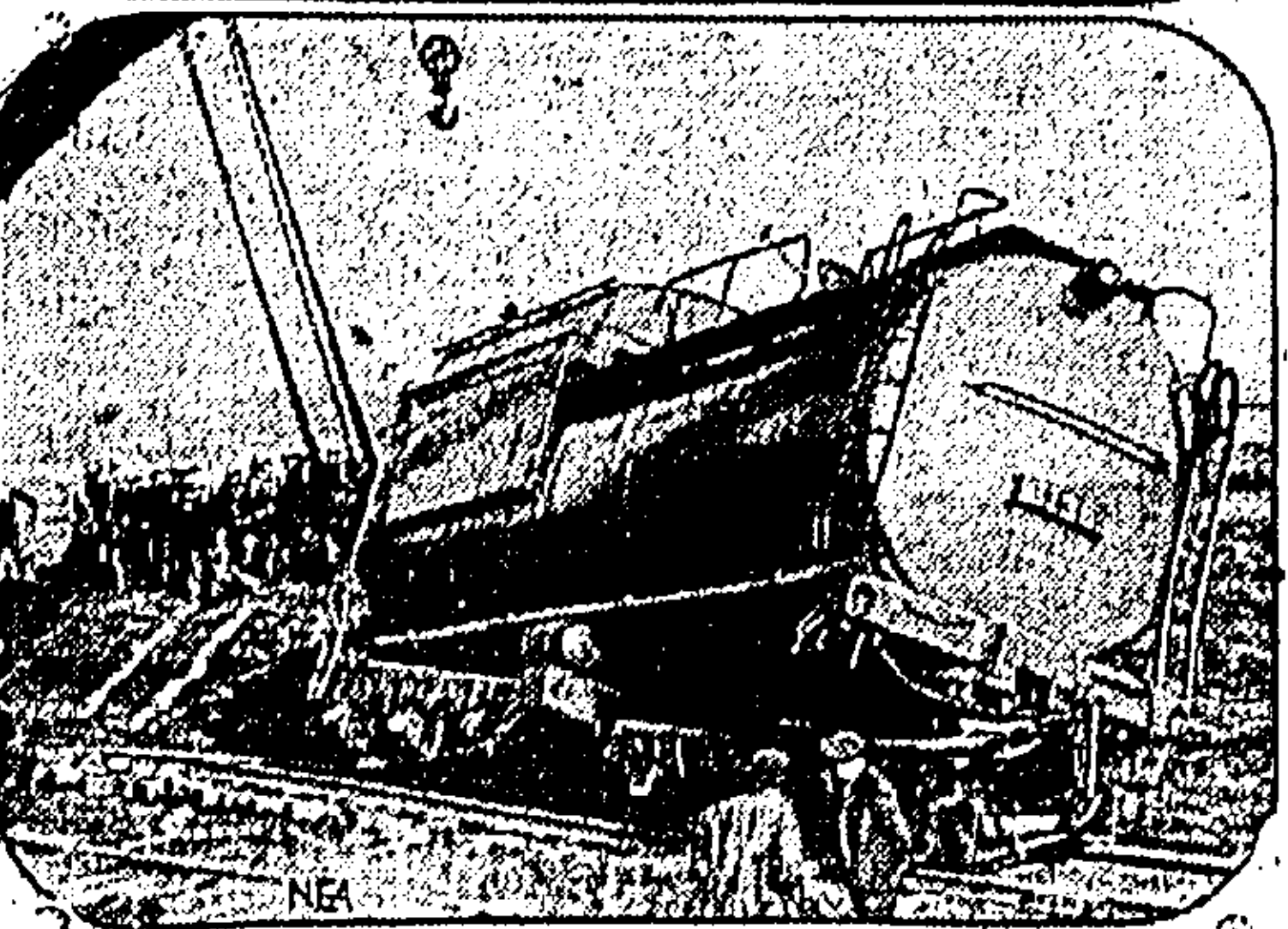
Interested spectators at the Shanghai Race Meeting watching the ponies coming down the straight.



An important social event in Shanghai recently, was the wedding of Miss Molly Holdsworth to Mr. S. Castle, son of Mr. William Castle, of the British-American Tobacco Company.



A somewhat rare picture, showing Dean Trivett, of the Shanghai Cathedral, at the Spring Meeting of the Shanghai Race Club. Dean Trivett is at the extreme right, and he is accompanied by Mrs. Trivett and Mr. E. O. Cumming.

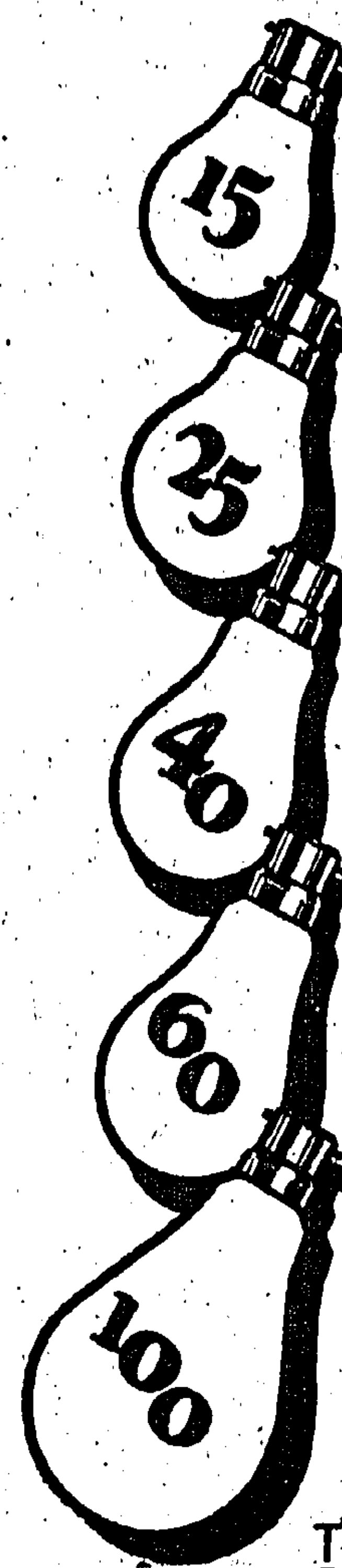


Heavy rains in Canada have caused much damage in the Toronto district. Top picture shows undermined railway tracks suspended in the air, and bottom photo shows the wreck of train through similar slides.



A wedding of much interest to the French community took place in Shanghai recently when Miss Marcelle Rudolf was married to Mr. Alexandre Curtat.

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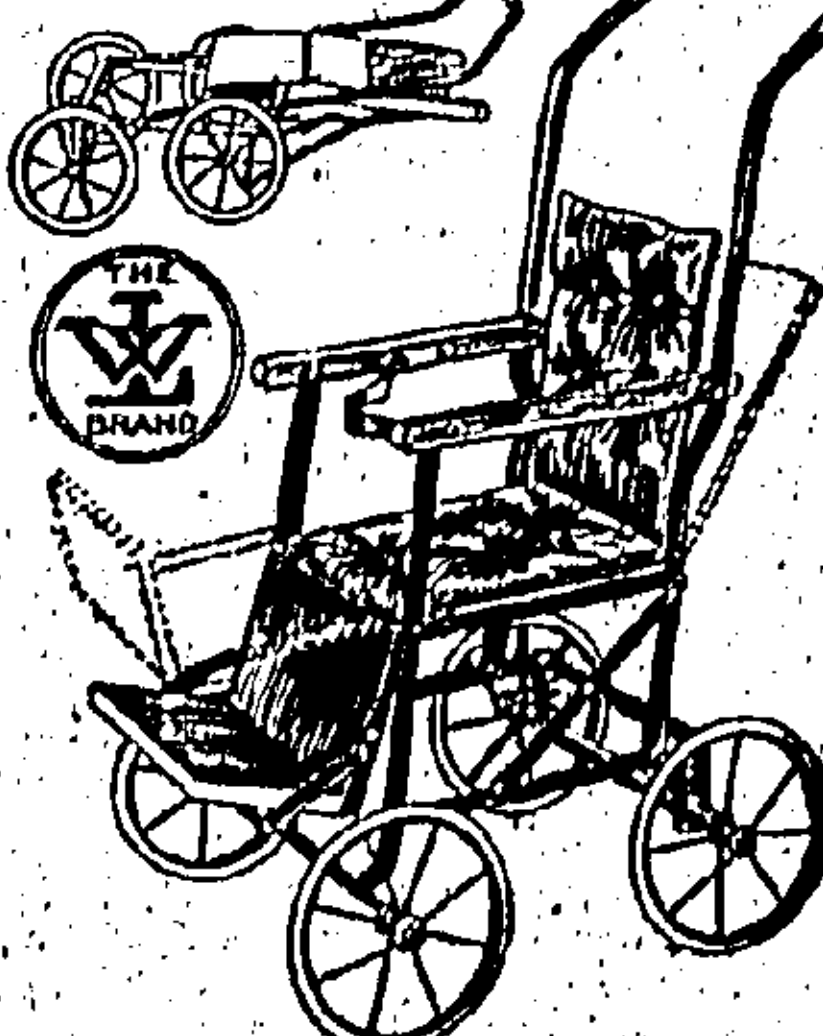
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134, Kennedy Road (By cable).

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY MAY 24, 1929

A FISCAL CLASH.

A piquant political controversy has arisen at home by the suggestion on the part of Sir Herbert Austen that, in the event of the McKenna Duties being repealed, it might be necessary to close down the Austin Motor Works. It was to be expected that an utterance of this character would arouse considerable controversy, and its author has since admitted that he would not, of course, shut down the work "without a struggle." The disinterested observer will, we imagine, take Sir Herbert's words with the proverbial grain of salt, for, useful as the McKenna Duties may have been, it surely will not be seriously contended that, but for them, the whole concern would be put out of business. We have more faith in British business enterprise and the quality of British goods than to believe that.

The McKenna Duties were first imposed in 1916. They amount to the imposition of a 33.1/3 per cent. duty on foreign private cars imported into Great Britain. When the Labour Government came into power in 1924, it repealed the duties, but they were re-imposed in the following year by the Conservatives and have been in force ever since. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says the experience of 1924 shows that the duties were not essential to the motor industry, but as the Labour Government was only in office for less than a year, something much more concrete than this bald statement will be needed before it can be accepted as a correct reflection of the facts. It is undisputed that the British motor industry has steadily expanded in the past few years, but whether that fact is wholly due to the protection afforded by the McKenna Duties is a very debatable point. Indeed, we come here to the old Free Trade v. Protection controversy, to which they are innumerable facets. Free Traders say that the improved position of the British motor industry is due in the main to our having copied American methods of mass production, and they assert that this is the best means of fighting foreign com-

petition, adding that if we cannot, by our enterprise and the quality of our products, hold our own market, then it is bad economics and a penalty on car-buyers to shelter the industry behind artificial barriers. The Protectionist retort is that to allow foreign products to come in duty-free must inevitably react on the home industry and increase unemployment. But it is a noteworthy fact that although the Conservatives are strong supporters of the McKenna Duties and of "safeguarding" within certain limits, they fear to adopt the Protectionist policy in its entirety, especially in regard to foodstuffs. Their inconsistency in this regard has placed them in a very awkward situation on many occasions in the past.

We do not expect the rival schools of thought on this subject to come to agreement, because their viewpoints are so fundamentally opposed. But we do say that there are other methods than tariffs for the preservation of British industry. In this connexion, the scrapping of old-fashioned equipment and methods cannot be overlooked, nor can mass-production possibilities. We have an example of the latter in the case of the Lancashire cotton spinning industry, which has latterly suffered much from foreign competition. That competition is now to be met by amalgamation and mass-production. What the cotton industry can do, other industries can do also. Duties or no duties, it is essential that Britain should keep modern industrial methods well to the fore in the effort to meet foreign competition.

Feng's Manifesto.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's manifesto to the Powers leaves scant room for misconception. It shows certainly that the vendetta between Feng and Chiang Kai-shek, for it is a personal matter, has to be settled in favour of one or the other before there can be any prospect of a settled China, and even if stability cannot be secured by the coming combat, the Powers are warned not to lend support to either side. The whole cable is fully in keeping with the brusque nature of its author, but it is perhaps the better for that. In the space of a few brief phrases, Feng clearly sets forth the attitude of the Kuomintang and their supporters in the rest of the country, and solemnly warns that "the future Government of China" will refuse responsibility for financial agreements or loans for the supply of ammunition and aeroplanes between the "illegal Nanking Government" and any foreign Power. This is the only part of the manifesto which may give rise to serious misgiving in foreign circles. The war is to be deplored, but it cannot be averted, and it is essential to unification. Foreign opinion may differ about this, but it will not differ regarding the principles involved in Feng's manifesto. It is extremely unlikely that any responsible Power would venture to render active assistance, even to the extent of supplying munitions of war, to either Feng or Chiang, but it seems quite a different thing to receive instructions. There can be no legal objection to making contracts of any kind with a recognised Government. Feng may be the future ruler of China, no accurate forecast of the outcome is possible, but if the "Christian" General aspires to that dignity, he has several lessons to learn. And the first is that repudiation of the contracts of a previous Government will not assist his cause when the work of rehabilitation has to be undertaken. At the moment, however, we are not suspicious of Feng in this particular connexion. He makes use of the term "henceforth" in his pronouncement regarding the validity of war material contracts and war loans. If, as seems most probable, the warning merely refers to future loans or contracts which may be used by Nanking to pursue their campaign against him, one can appreciate his point of view, without entirely agreeing with the principles involved. Feng at least speaks very plainly, and we think he may be assured of strict neutrality by all foreign Powers on all aspects of the present quarrel.

DAY BY DAY.

THE GREATEST TEMPTATION IS TO BE WITHOUT ANY.—Samuel Rutherford.

H.M.S. Carysfort has left Hongkong for Home.

Owing to Empire Day, the Magistrates did not sit at the Police Court this morning, and cases for hearing will be brought up to-morrow.

All departments of the Supreme Court were closed to-day on account of Empire Day. The usual sitting of the Summary Court for the fixing of cases will be held to-morrow.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Somerset Fitzroy to act as Attorney General, during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, who is at present on a brief holiday.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Don Jose Ledesma as Consul for Spain in Hongkong.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. N. L. Smith to be Head of the Sanitary Department and Registrar of Births and Deaths in addition to his other duties during the absence on leave of Mr. W. J. Carrie.

His Excellency the Governor has made the following appointments in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps:—Lance Sergeant David Morvan Richards to be Second Lieutenant; Lance Sergeant James Francis Wright to be Second Lieutenant.

A special picture, "Keep Watch" will be shown to-day at the Queen's Theatre during the 5.00 p.m. performance in addition to the feature film. The film gives interesting details of the British and other navies and is being shown by arrangement with The Navy League.

Among the passengers arriving yesterday on the P. and O. s.s. Rajputana were Capt. Potter, Mr. R. Beaumont, Dr. Jenkins, Lt. Ainger, Mr. Scillitoe, Mr. and Mrs. Archbutt, Mr. A. Mallinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Onwald, Mr. C. Pencock, Mr. and Mrs. Gomersall and Dr. E. de Souza.

Silver tea sets and silver services have been presented to four members of the Dockyard Recreation Club, who are leaving for Home on the Morea on Saturday. The departing members are Messrs. C. Jones, T. J. Magill, C. Boryer and C. Bennett. A pleasant little function was held at the Club to bid them farewell.

HONGKONG PASSENGER CERTIFICATES.

RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECOGNITION.

It is notified for general information that reciprocal arrangements for recognition of passenger certificates granted in Hongkong under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, to seagoing ships having passenger certificates under full Board of Trade requirements for foreign-going passenger ships, have been concluded with the following Dominions and States:—Commonwealth of Australia, India, New Zealand, Newfoundland, Union of South Africa, Japan, United States of America and Denmark.

The arrangement with Denmark comes into effect on 1st July, 1929.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Post Office Boxes.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—For the last three or four months I have wanted a box at the General Post Office, and have made repeated applications, only to be informed over the counter, that there are none available, and furthermore, that there is a waiting list of over 30.

I need this box for my business, because it is necessary for me to collect my mail as early as possible.

I shall be much indebted if you will allow this to be published and thus draw attention to the unbusinesslike attitude of Hongkong's Post Office.—Yours, etc. BUSINESS MAN, Hongkong, May 24th, 1929.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended May 24th, 1908:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10½d.

Mr. W. Wilson was appointed Manager of the Kowloon Docks and Mr. R. Mitchell was confirmed in his appointment as acting Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. reported a net profit of \$81,532.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Many Pictures Appearing To-morrow.

There will be over twenty pictures of topical interest in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement.

Sporting events illustrated will include the lawn bowls matches between the Police and K.C.C. and between the Civil Service and the Hongkong Electric; last Saturday's Race Meeting; the Tennis League match between Craigengower and the H.K.C.C.; H.M.S. Bruce and the R. A. football teams which met in the junior final; the K.O.S.B. Relay Team; and the South China A. A. champion basketball team.

There will be some interesting pictures of the arrival of the French aviators in Hongkong from Hanoi; groups taken at the weddings of Mr. B. B. Anthony and Miss H. Williamson, at Shamonee, and of Mr. Daniel P. K. Au and Miss Yuen Ting-chueng in Hongkong; of the China Light and Power Company's new sub-station at Kowloon Tong; and of the first tanker discharging at the Pure Cane Molasses Company's installation in the New Territories.

Other illustrations will be of the farewell dinner at the Kam Ling Hotel to Mr. E. A. S. Hayward, O.B.E., of the Naval Yard, and of a farewell gathering to Professor C. Y. Wang, of the Hongkong University; as well as the life and drum band of H.M.S. Cornwall.

and recommended a final dividend of 3 per cent.

Mr. (now Sir) William Rees Davies, Attorney General, was made a K.C.

The Tomyo Maru, the first turbine steamer to visit Hongkong, arrived at the port.

The Star Ferry Company's annual report showed net earnings totalling \$35,544. A dividend of 10 per cent. was recommended.

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(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10).

Overcalling Partner's Bid—3.

The urge to improve a minor bid should be ever present, as it is difficult to make game in a minor suit. However, before changing your partner's major declaration you should wait and reasonably satisfy yourself as to the clear advisability of furnishing any information whatsoever.

The declarer, when making a trump bid, expects to find the following trumps in his partner's hand:

X X X or

A X or

K X or

at least Q X

This is called normal expectancy, or normal support. When your hand does not contain normal expectancy it may well be that your partner, having made a bid on only four or five cards, is defeated at the outset, for your opponents may have command of the trump strength. The probability of game under such circumstances is slight.

As an illustration thereof let us assume that declarer has bid on A Q 10 X X. You hold X X in trump, making a total of seven trumps. The probabilities are that more than half of the time the remaining six trumps will be divided four-and-two or five-and-one between the opponents, and game under such circumstances is

The Very Idea!

Count Bertrand, son of Napoleon I's companion at St. Helena, was a very eccentric person. It was his custom every year to hire a room in a hotel and go to bed for three months, after having given orders for food to be brought to him every day and not a word to be spoken by the servant. He was asleep during the siege of Paris.

One day the bread was so bad that he flew into a rage and forced the waiter to tell him that Paris was being besieged by the Prussians. The Count was stupefied for a second.

At last he got up and wandered about the hotel for a time, saying to himself—"Paris besieged! What ought a Bertrand to do?" After a few minutes reflection, he added "I will go to bed."

And he went to bed and slept out the siege.

(A French doctor strongly recommends singing for health. I cannot sing the old songs, I have to learn some new; for my head is aching badly, and I think I've caught the flu.)

I've a chilblain and a gumboll and a wheezing at the chest. And alas I can't recall a note of "Drake Is Going West."

My nerves are frayed, my pulse is weak, my throat is parched and dry.

And my memory has gone on strike at "Comin Thro the Rye."

But I'm sure of coming out on top, and soon I'll jump for joy.

For it can't be long before I know the whole of "Sonny Boy."

To-day's Ghost Story.—Some years ago during manoeuvres in South Africa, the Squadron of Cavalry that I commanded was ordered to make a night march to a farm some twelve miles away. We left our bivouac fires burning and moved in absolute silence, and owing to antheaps and meercat warrens were leading our horses, when we were surprised to see lights moving at right angles to our route. I halted the column, and the lights moved in solemn silence across our front at about 100 yards distance; they consisted of bobbing lanterns such as might have been carried by the vicer-loop of an ox wagon, double lights such as a Cape cart would show, and an occasional spark as from a pipe.

There is no explanation, but in the early days of the Boer trucks a column had been exterminated by a Zulu attack.

Two bachelor women of somewhat advanced years, were discussing the approaching holidays. "Molly," said the younger, "would a long stocking hold all you wish for Christmas?"

"No," said the older girl, "but a pair of socks would."

Counsel at Shoreditch County Court to girl claiming compensation: Could you not go into domestic service?

Girl (haughtily): I could, but I certainly do not want to.

Woman at Bow County Court: After the accident they took me to hospital and buried me.

Counsel: Buried you?

Woman: They put me in plaster.

Willenden Woman: Can I have a free summons against my husband for assault because he refuses to give me the money for it?

Solicitor at Pango: Where did the assault take place?

Witness: On the first floor in the basement.

Minister:—"Will you buy a ticket to come and see the Morris dancing in the church hall next week?"

Motoring Friend:—"Certainly. Isn't it wonderful what they can do with those small cars?"

As a small girl Molly had often to be reprimanded for getting out of bed to look at something passing in the road.

Her mother spoke seriously to her, and told she must promise not to do it again.

"Well, mummy," she said, "I can safely promise for my head, but my little legs are very disobedient at times!"

very difficult to make.

A X, K X or Q X are accorded by many experts the value of X X X, though on account of modern four-card suit bidding it is of greater assistance to hold K X X. It is therefore incumbent upon you when you hold less than X X X or less than Q X in trumps to examine your hand carefully to see whether you cannot "radio" your partner this information.

When holding more than normal expectancy, as X X X X or K X X in trumps, do not endeavour to change partner's bid unless you hold at least six cards in the other major suit with at least four honours.

KEEN INSURANCE COMPETITION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

have a beneficial effect. There are many problems connected with marine business which it is unnecessary for me to dwell upon here, but I think what I have said sufficiently indicates the difficult times through which we are passing. There is, however, an earnest desire for improvement which I hope will soon materialise.

Turning to the Society's figures, you will notice that as regards the year 1927 after payment of the final dividend of £108,000 there will remain a balance of £40,020. 2. 5 which I trust will be sufficient to wind up the outstanding for that year.

Our fire insurance business during 1928 has resulted in a small profit and our General Account has also resulted profitably. Fire insurance conditions in certain fields continue very difficult, notably in Australia and New Zealand. The profits of our Fire and General Accounts have as usual been calculated after the necessary reserve had been set up to meet outstanding claims.

As regards the 1928 Marine Account, it is too early to prophesy regarding the outcome, but I am hopeful that the year will result in a profit.

No Bonus Dividend.

You will notice this year, gentlemen, that it has been decided to discontinue paying the bonus dividend of 5/- per share which has been paid for the last four years. This step, I may say, is a precautionary measure, as it is felt in the present state of the marine market it is not wise to continue making these bonus distributions. The Society during many years of its history has paid its shareholders a good proportion of its underwriting profits but the times, gentlemen, call for a cautious policy and we do not think it advisable to continue paying such a large proportion of our profits in dividend. I may add that a number of the leading Insurance Companies operating in England practically pay their dividends out of their interest earnings. You will notice this year that the Society's distribution to its shareholders on the basis of £2 per share will cost £270,000, whereas our interest will amount approximately to £254,000.

In this connexion I would explain that the interest for the year 1928 of £192,059 shown in the balance sheet will be increased to approximately the above mentioned figure by the close of the year. For the general information of shareholders, I may here inform you it is considered that the present distribution amounting to £2 per share can be maintained and as the Society accumulates profits and invests them, its interest will increase and an increase in the permanent dividend can then be made.

Conservative Policy.

These are the lines which your Directors think it wise to adopt, this decision being prompted by the difficulties experienced in the business and the consequent call for a conservative policy. I feel certain that as this matter receives the full and studied consideration of our shareholders they will endorse the policy laid down.

I think you will agree that the figures in the balance sheet indicate a very strong position. As regards our investments, the Society and its affiliated Companies continue to invest their funds in securities of a high grade nature in keeping with the position the Companies occupy. We have followed our usual custom and taken our investments at the market rates ruling at the close of the year.

The position of the Society reflects much credit upon its General Manager, Agents, and staff who continue to give thoroughly loyal and devoted service at the many centres from which our worldwide business is conducted.

Official Changes.

Mr. A. B. Rouse, the Society's London Underwriter, retires from his post on the 30th June next. Mr. Rouse has served the Society faithfully from December, 1900, in the East and in London. He was in the Far East until February, 1913, when he proceeded home, joining the staff of the London Underwriting Room. He was appointed Underwriter in January, 1920, and in spite of the difficulties encountered during his term of office he has carried out the very onerous duties entrusted to him with much credit. We all join in wishing Mr. Rouse a very happy retirement.

Mr. C. O. Lee, Mr. Rouse's deputy, who has had wide experience in Marine Insurance is being promoted to the senior post and early this year he arrived in Hongkong where he had a conference with the General Manager on the future of the Society's underwriting in London.

In Mr. Lee we have a careful and efficient officer and notwithstanding the difficult times the business is passing through I feel confident that Mr. Lee will fill with credit

and distinction the post allotted to him. Mr. E. P. Webb has been appointed Deputy Underwriter to Mr. Lee. Mr. Webb has had considerable experience in the Society's Underwriting Room and your Directors are satisfied in the selection that has been made.

Recent Deaths.

I am sorry to have record the deaths of certain gentlemen intimately connected with our business. I would first refer to the death of Sir David Yule, Bart., who was for many years a member of the Society's London Committee. The late Sir David Yule took a keen interest in the Society's welfare and was always most helpful to any of the Society's officers who consulted him on finance or other matters. The late Sir David Yule as you are no doubt aware was well known in the financial world where his opinion was held in high esteem. We record his death with a deep sense of loss. I have also to record the death of Mr. F. A. Keating of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright & Company who was also a member of the Society's London Committee. The sad news of his death was received here last month with great regret. I am sure you will all join in an expression of sorrow at the loss the Society sustained last year by the death of Mr. L. F. Townsend, our Canton Manager. The late Mr. Townsend had served the Society faithfully from August, 1910, and by his death the Society loses an active and efficient officer. I now propose the adoption of the report and accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may care to ask.

Seconders Speech.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, in seconding, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I rise to second the report and accounts. We have perused the report and accounts with great interest and are indebted to our Chairman for his clear statement of the Society's business and financial position. We desire to place on record our appreciation of the services rendered by the General Manager, the agents and the staff of the Society to whose loyal and devoted support the present satisfactory position of the Society is due. We regret we are losing the services of Mr. A. B. Rouse who has worked for the Society for such a long period and we hope that his justly earned retirement will be a long and happy one. We extend to Mr. C. O. Lee and Mr. E. P. Webb our hearty welcome on assuming their new offices and are sure that our interests are in safe keeping and capable hands. We deeply lament the deaths of Sir David Yule, Mr. F. A. Keating and Mr. L. F. Townsend and we desire to convey our sympathies to their respective families. Mr. L. F. Townsend will be remembered by most of us, not only as a capable officer of the Society, but also as a personal friend for many years.

Unprofitable Competition.

The present unsatisfactory position of the insurance market, as regards rates, is known to many of us, and it is a matter for regret that unprofitable competition should have brought insurance business to its present position. Insurance companies, holding the position our Society does, must be regarded as semi-public institutions, essential to the conduct of the world's trade, insurance being an essential element in almost every mercantile transaction. It is therefore a matter of public interest, that a basis of rates should be arrived at, which will enable insurance business to be conducted on lines satisfactory to all concerned.

As shareholders, we naturally regret that you have not been able to continue the bonus dividend of five shillings per share, but we fully appreciate the principles which have actuated you in arriving at this decision. We are aware that it is a well recognised tradition of insurance institutions to pay dividends only out of the interest derived from accumulated investments, and we believe that in following this precedent you are placing the affairs of the Society on a most stable and conservative basis and one which must commend itself not only to the general investor in your shares, but also to the contributors and constituents of the Society.

Future Hopes.

We have not failed to note the hope expressed, that the present dividend can be reckoned on for the future, also the possibility that the interest from our investments may enable the shareholders of the Society to receive in due course a larger return.

The balance sheet for last year indicates the strong financial position of the Society and we note with pleasure that the investment of our surplus funds,

KOWLOON MURDER REVEALED.

NATHAN ROAD VICTIM NOW IDENTIFIED.

ARRESTS EXPECTED.

Missing for a couple of days from his usual place of abode at 270, Reclamation Street, the mystery of a Chinese storekeeper's disappearance was solved yesterday when his body was discovered in an empty bathroom at 458, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Earlier reference to the discovery will be found on another page.

The unfortunate man, Wong Kwai, had been brutally murdered, according to the Police, and his body bore several dagger stabs which ended his life.

Information to hand this morning shows that it was the intention of Wong Kwai to take over the ground floor rooms at 458, Nathan Road, and a couple of days ago he went there in order to repaint the place and do other little odd jobs in his new premises.

Yesterday afternoon, one Li Tip and his wife, who occupy an apartment on the next floor of the building, were greatly perturbed by a strong odour emanating from the downstairs apartment, and ultimately decided to make investigations. In the empty bathroom they discovered the body of the murdered man and immediately gave information to the police.

The police are this morning following up clues which it is said will probably lead to an arrest, there being no possible doubt that Wong Kwai was deliberately murdered in cold blood as he was inspecting the bathroom in the empty apartments.

not only have the personal supervision of our General Manager, but also the very close consideration of our Board.

In conclusion I desire to congratulate the Society on its success, in the past and express the wish for its continued prosperity in the future.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

The re-election of Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. W. H. Bell as directors was proposed by Mr. J. Arnold, seconded by Mr. A. Stevenson and carried.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors, on the proposal of Mr. C. E. Meyer, seconded by Mr. J. Ormiston.

Those present were Mr. W. L. Patenden (chairman), Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. J. A. Plummer, and Mr. J. P. Warren (directors); Mr. Paul Lauder (general manager), and Messrs. J. Arnold, G. S. Archbutt, A. E. S. Alves, J. W. Alabaster, C. B. Brown, B. M. C. da Cunha, R. A. Dastur, Leigh Garner, W. F. Gardner, Ho Kom Tong, E. A. Lees, M. Manuk, A. S. Mitchell, C. E. Meyer, J. Ormiston, John C. Oswald, V. R. V. Ribeiro, V. L. dos Remedios, R. D. Read, O. F. Ribeiro, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Messrs. F. W. Stapleton, D. V. Stevenson, A. Stevenson, V. F. Soares, M. A. R. Souza and K. Stuart Smith.

CHINA FIRE MEETING.

The annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., was held at Union Building this morning, Mr. W. L. Patenden presiding.

Proposing the adoption of the



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NORTH IRELAND'S ELECTION.

UNIONISTS GAIN INCREASED MAJORITY.

ONE SOCIALIST SEAT.

London, May 23.

With the exception of the four seats allotted to Queen's University, Belfast, the election returns for the Northern Ireland Parliament are complete.

They reveal little change. The Unionist (Conservative) Government already has a clear majority of sixteen, a position which they held in the old Parliament, and as it is confidently expected that the Queen's University seats will be all Conservatives, an increased majority of four as compared with the last Parliament is almost assured.

The state of the parties in the new Parliament will be as follows:

Unionists	34
Independents	2
Socialists	1
Nationalists	11

The Government gained two seats from the Socialists in the Belfast divisions; and it will be seen that four more seats are required to make up the House of 52.—*Reuter.*

report and accounts the Chairman said:—The working account for the year 1927 shows a balance of £476,636.19. Your Directors recommend that a final dividend of \$9 per share and a bonus dividend of \$6 per share on 20,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$300,000, and that the balance be carried forward to underwriting suspense account to close the account for the year 1927.

The balance at credit of the 1928 account is \$967,311.24. Out of this balance, your Directors recommend the payment of an interim dividend of \$3 per share, absorbing \$60,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

Bearing in mind the difficult condition at present prevailing throughout the underwriting world, the figures now before you may, I think, be considered satisfactory. The working account for 1927 indicates an improvement over the previous year's figures and I am hopeful that the 1928 Account will show equally satisfactory results.

I now move that the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put.

Mr. J. W. Alabaster seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Business Matters.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. W. H. Bell were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Alves, seconded by Mr. F. H. Farnie.

Mr. V. L. dos Remedios moved the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis as auditors. This was seconded by Mr. M. A. R. Souza and carried.

Those present were Mr. W. L. Patenden (chairman), Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. J. A. Plummer, and Mr. J. P. Warren (directors); Mr. Paul Lauder (general manager), and Messrs. A. A. Alves, A. E. Alves, J. W. Alabaster, G. S. Archbutt, B. M. C. da Cunha, F. H. Farnie, H. C. Gray, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. V. Ribeiro and M. A. R. Souza.

MISSING SAILING VESSEL.

HOPE NOT ABANDONED OF SHIP'S SAFETY.

NOW 80 DAYS OVERDUE.

London, May 23.

Despite the fact that the ship is now more than 80 days overdue, hope has not been abandoned of news being received this year of the Danish training ship "Kobenhavn" which left Buenos Aires on December 14th, for Adelaide.

The only news from her since was a wireless message picked up on December 21st, seven days later, by the Norwegian ship "William Plumer" but this gave no indication of distress.

It is requested that any wireless station which may hear signals from the Kobenhavn will send full details to the Actiaseb-knæg Sintske Compagnie.

The call-sign of the missing ship until January 1st was OIBA and since OYTC.—*British Wireless.*

The Kobenhavn was a five-masted barque of about 4,000 tons register, fitted with auxiliary motor power for use in emergencies and for entering and leaving port, but her motive power was wind, and she may be regarded as a sailing ship. She was built in 1921 for her Danish owners, and was used as a training ship for officers for the Danish merchant navy. Her total complement would be about eighty, mostly cadets.

The distance she had to traverse is roughly about 9,000 miles, and the passage should have been completed in less than eighty days. She is now 161 days out and hopelessly overdue.

Assuming her to be lost, the field of speculation may be confined to two causes—collision with an iceberg or foundering through broaching-to. The usual track of sailing ships bound from South America to Australia would take her to about latitude 45deg south, and the possibility of collision with the antipodean night, or during fog, cannot be dismissed.

The more probable cause, however, is that the ship foundered through broaching-to while running before a heavy sea. In that region of the world of waters known to seamen as wind Southern Ocean, the great west wind prevails throughout the year, and in its periods of fury the seas which accompany it are enormous—long green mountains of water for ever rolling majestically onward, with no land to impede their progress.

FINE FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

JOHN BARRYMORE IN "WHEN A MAN LOVES."

One of the best characterisations by John Barrymore is seen in his latest production "When a Man Loves" which tops the current bill at the Queen's Theatre. As the young Chevalier Fabien des Grieux, he is seen as a fashionable figure during the regime of the licentious Louis XV, whom a trick of fate had transformed from a devoted aspirant to holy orders into an ardent lover and a trickster at the gambling tables.

There is much elaborate care manifest in the direction of the production and the splendour of its settings in the opening episodes. The story is then taken into a different atmosphere, and we are given an insight into a convict ship of those days with its load of wretched humanity transformed into raging fiends by the hardships they are called upon to endure.

Throughout these scenes, the character enacted by John Barrymore moves, giving us a poignant sense of the shortcomings of the Bourbon regime of those days, and of the false-minded people who surrounded its representatives with an atmosphere of flattery and badinage.

John Barrymore has never acted better since his appearance as "Beau Brummel." The present picture assuredly lives up to the notices that have been written of it.

THE WEST AFRICAN REGIMENT.

PRINCE OF WALES RECEIVES THE COLOURS.

London, May 23.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, in the garden of St. James' Palace, today received the colours of the West African Regiment.

Ex-officers of the Regiment attended in khaki and ex-members of the Regiment in plain clothes. They were escorted on their way to the Palace by the Scots Guards. —*British Wireless.*

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Sado Maru ... Tuesday, 28th May.
Penang Maru ... Tuesday, 11th June.
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Ginyo Maru ... Thursday, 30th May.
SOUTH AMERICA (EAST COAST) via Singapore,
Capetown & Ports.
Wakasa Maru ... Friday, 7th June.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.
Aisaka Maru ... Friday, 31st May.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Genoa & Marseilles.
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7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m. Evening Programme. (Victor and H. M. V. Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.).
"Good Old Songs," Selection.
"Jack Hylton and His Orchestra."
"Funny Face," Selection.
"Virginia," Selection.
New Mayfair Orchestra.
"Czar Sultan-Suite No. 3," Selection.
Fantasia and Fugue.
Albert Contes and the London Symphony Orchestra.
"Ich Weiss Anch Nix," Selection.
"Closely Scene," Selection.
Recorded During an Actual Public Performance at the Berlin State Opera House, in 1928.
"Ahi! Sweet Mystery of Life."
"The Song of Songs," Selection.
Tenor, Richard Crooks.
"Faust—Soldiers' Chorus," Selection.
"Land of Hope and Glory," Selection.
Victor Male Chorus.
"Henry VIII." Dances (B. German).
H. M. V. New Symphony Orchestra.
"Pomp and Circumstance," Selection.
"Elgar," March.
London Symphony Orchestra.
"Just Got off the Chain," Selection.
"The Pirate," Selection.
Baritone, Sir Harry Lauder.
"Love and Music," (from "Tosca").
"Well You Know, Good Mother," Soprano, Maria Jerizka.
"Ballad, No. 3" (Chopin).
Pianoforte Solo, Benno Moisevitich.
"The Roseary," Selection.
"Ave Maria," Selection.
Organ Solo, Charles O'Connell.
"That's the Reason I'm a Soldier," Selection.
"Oh! How I Weary, Dearie, for You," Baritone, Sir Harry Lauder.
"Londonderry Air," Selection.
"Le Cygne," Selection.
Trio—De Groot (Violin), David Bor (Pianoforte), H. M. Calve (Cello).
"Song of the Sea," Vocal Gems.
H. M. V. Light Opera Company.
"Symphony No. 2 in D Major," (Haydn).
John Barbirolli's Chamber Orch.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

LLOYD TRIESTINO.

TWO NEW MOTOR VESSELS FOR FAR EAST RUN.

Some months ago the Cantiero Navale San Marco of Trieste launched two new motor vessels, the Fusijama and the Himalaja for account of the Lloyd Triestino Nav. Co., of that port, for whom Dodwell and Co., Ltd., are the local agents. These two new vessels are intended for the Far East Cargo Line and will replace some of the old tonnage at present on this run.
The vessels are of 6,000 gross registered tons with a length of 420.78 feet, breadth 55.20 feet, depth 30.18 feet and with a summer freeboard of 4.75 feet. Their carrying capacity is 8,100 tons, deadweight and a bale space of 470-90 cubic feet. They are equipped with Burmeister and Wain motors which will develop 4,200 I.H.P. and will give these vessels a speed of 13.5 knots fully loaded.
Six cargo hatches at served by 19 derricks, of which 14 are tested to lift 3 tons, 3 to 5 tons, 1 to 10 tons and 1 to 20 tons for the handling of cargo.
Besides the usual cargo space these vessels are also provided with two deep tanks in the No. 4 hold for the carriage of 920 tons of oil in bulk. A refrigerated space is also installed in No. 3 tweendeck of 4,772 cubic feet, where the temperature will be kept at 43 degrees Fahrenheit, for the carriage of perishable cargo.
As the vessels are intended for the cargo line, the accommodation on board is limited to 10 passengers.
The vessels will be entirely electrically lighted and heated, including all the deck machinery such as winches and capstans.
With these two new vessels on the run the Lloyd Triestino Navigation Co., will now control a fleet of 43 vessels, of which 9 are motor vessels and 34 steamers, which will maintain regular services between Trieste and Japan, China, India, Egypt, Syrian Ports, Greece, Turkey and Black Sea ports.
The M.V. Himalaja is expected in Hongkong on her maiden voyage to the Far East on or about the 9th July.

HONGKONG-CANTON.

ITALIAN VESSEL TO GO ON THE RUN.

The Hongkong-Canton run will be strengthened by the addition of a fast vessel, this being the a.s. Venezia which arrived from Trieste on Wednesday. She is owned by the New Era Shipping Co. Ltd., and now lies at Shamsui ready to leave for Canton.
She is understood to be a twenty-knot vessel, very much faster than those at present on the Canton run. She has been brought out from Europe by Capt. F. W. Crago with a crew of five British and 21 Italians, entering the port in ballast.
Her owners have hired one side of the wharf occupied by the a.s. Hydrangea for a period of two years, but it is not known how she will be accommodated at Canton. She is expected to start soon.
The a.s. Venezia was built in 1900 at Dumbarton by W. Denny and Bros., as the Kingfisher, and is a steel triple screw steamer of 988 gross tonnage and 347 net tonnage. Registered at Trieste under the Italian flag, her dimensions are length 276 feet, breadth 32.1 feet and depth 10.2 feet. She was engaged by the builders. The vessel only draws seven feet of water, which means that on the Hongkong-Canton run she will not be affected in any way by the state of the tide.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
SCARE, SHARE, SHORE, SHORN, SHOWN, SHOWS, CHOWS, CROWS.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday the 27th May, 1929.
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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ash on the 25th May, 1929, at 10 a.m.
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JEYPORE	5,318	15th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
RAJPUTANA	16,568	22nd June.	Bombay, M'los & L'don
PERIM	7,643	29th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
SANTHIA	7,754	5th June.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHGAR	9,005	7th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TILSINGTON COURT	—	10th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MIRZAPORE	6,715	10th June.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko

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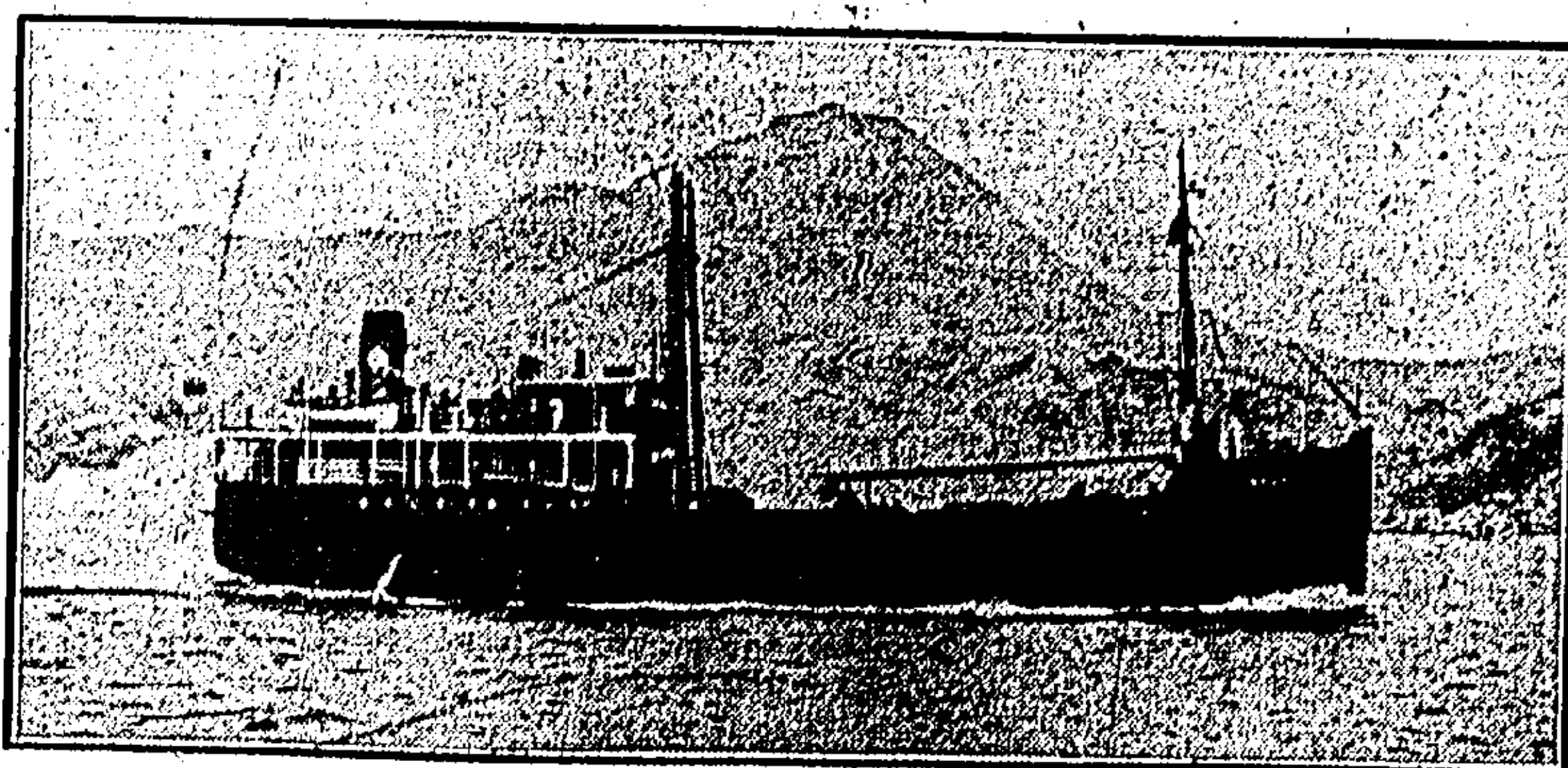
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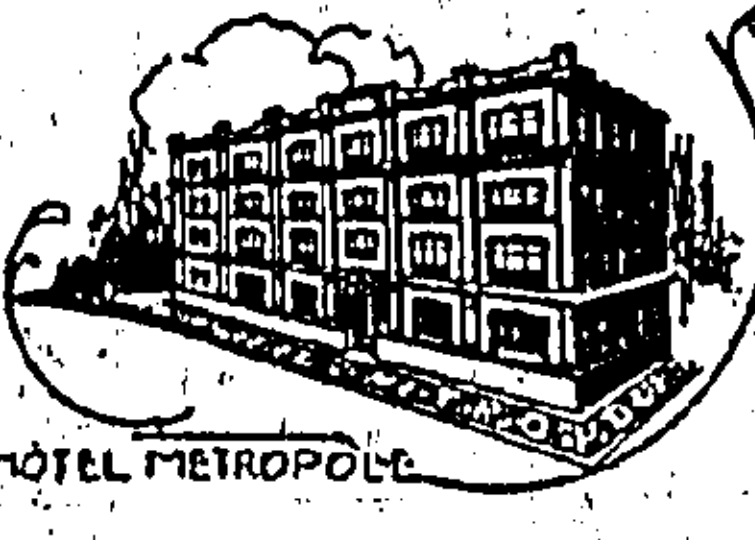
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AMERICAN TENNIS UPSET.
DUAL REVERSE IN FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS.
BRITISH PAIR DO WELL.

Paris, May 23.
American tennis is strongly represented in Paris where the French Hard Courts championships are being played, and to-day they met with a dual reverse.
In the quarter-finals of the Women's Doubles, Mademoiselle Bouman (Holland) and Senorita De Alvarez (Spain) defeated Miss Helen Wills and Miss Edith Cross (U.S.A.) 8-6, 6-4.
In the second round of the Mixed Doubles, J. A. Gregory and Mrs. Watson (Great Britain) beat Wilbur Coen and Miss Cross (U.S.A.) by 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH MISSION TO SOUTH AMERICA.

TO STUDY COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES.
London, May 23.
The Board of Trade announces that the Government will appoint a mission to visit Argentina and Brazil.
Viscount d'Abernon, who was Ambassador to Germany from 1920 has consented to preside over the mission, other members of which will be Sir William Clare, of the Industries; Mr. G. Rowland, representing industries; and Mr. Julian Piggott, representing the iron and steel industries.

The mission will undertake a preliminary survey in this country of Anglo-Argentine and Anglo-Brazilian trading quotations and for this purpose will seek the co-operation of the Chambers of Commerce, Trade Associations and other bodies, as well as industrial firms interested in Argentina and Brazil.—*British Wireless.*

PHILATELIST DEAD.

MR. JULIUS MORGENTHAU PASSES AWAY.
New York, May 23.
The death has occurred of Mr. Julius C. Morgenthau, the famous philatelist. He had been suffering for a long time past with cancer.—*Reuter's American Service.*
Rear-Admiral Josephthal.
New York, May 23.
One of the leading financiers of the United States, and at the same time the Commander-in-Chief of the State Naval Militia, Rear-Admiral Louis Josephthal died to-day.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW YORK STOCKS.

MARKET RALLIES AFTER THE DERAIL.
New York, May 23.
The New York Stock Market, after yesterday's debacle, rallied strongly to-day. New York Centrals were up four points, and the Allied Chemicals improved three points.
United States Steel, Anaconda and International Nickel were also buoyant.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GERMANY'S TRADE.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS EQUALITY.
Berlin, May 23.
Official trade returns for Germany show that the imports for April were G.Mks. 1,255,000,000 and the exports G.Mks. 1,231,000,000, which compares with March figures of Mks. 1,081,500,000 and Mks. 986,000,000 respectively.—*Reuter.*

LABOUR UNIONS.

TWO BIG ORGANISATIONS COMBINING.
London, May 23.
The Transport and General Workers' Union and the Workers' Union have decided to amalgamate as from August 5th next.—*Reuter.*

THE FENG-CHIANG IMBROGLIO.

NANKING AWAITING JUNE FIRST.
FEAR THAT FENG MAY LAUNCH ATTACK ON HANKOW.
PUNITIVE MANDATE.

Shanghai, May 24.
Despite the general preparations in Nanking for the war against Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, it is accepted here that the authorities intend to proceed with the State Burial programme on June 1st.
Elaborate preparations have been announced for the reception and accommodation of Diplomatic Envoys.
Meanwhile, it is not so certain that fighting will not be commenced before the funeral of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Chiang Kai-shek's preparations are practically complete, and though he does not wish, it is stated, to order an attack, it is learned from authentic Nanking sources that the punitive mandate will be issued to-day.

Feng's Intentions?
Feng Yu-hsiang is keeping his movements quiet, and there is a distinct possibility that he will open the offensive, launching an attack in the direction of Hankow. The Nanking authorities are apparently apprehensive of such a move as General Ho Ying-ching, Chiang's Chief of Staff, who has been placed in command of the Nanking troops in Hupeh, is preparing to return to Hankow by air immediately.
It will be recalled that he flew from Hankow by air to attend the War Council. He will make Hankow his headquarters, but has been instructed not to make an attack until after the State Burial of Sun Yat-sen.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Attacking Next Week.

Shanghai, May 23.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has issued instructions to all his Divisional Commanders along the Peking-Hankow, Tientsin-Pukow and Lung-Hai Railways to complete all war preparations before the 31st instant and to commence operations against the Kuomintang as soon as the ceremony of the State Burial of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen is over.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will personally direct the Nanking units which will attack Feng Yu-hsiang from the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, moving towards the Lung-Hai Railway.
Other Nanking divisional commanders who have received orders to attack Honan as soon as the general order of attack is announced include Generals Tang Seng-chi, Sheng Chen, Feng Chen-wu, Chu Pei-teh, Liu Chi, and Chang Fat-kwei. The last-named is the "Ironclad" commander who was recently appointed chief of the Fourth Nationalist Division, assisted by another Cantonese leader Li Hon-wan.

Feng Prepared.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is concentrating the Kuomintang between Tungkuwan (in Shensi) and Loyang (in Honan) but since their destruction of bridges on the Peking-Hankow Railway, they appear to have been inactive.
General Ho Ying-ching has submitted a detailed report of the communications on the Honan-Hupeh border to Chiang Kai-shek. It is stated that as soon as the State Burial ceremony is over Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will leave for Haichowfu on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to establish his headquarters there.

Expelled for Life.

Nanking, May 23.
At a special session of the Central Executive Committee this morning it was decided that Feng Yu-hsiang should be expelled from the Kuomintang Party for life, that the National Government should order a punitive expedition against the Kuomintang and that Han Fu-chu and other Kuomintang members be punished by the National Government. The punitive mandate against the Kuomintang will probably be issued some time this afternoon.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, May 23.
The Kuomintang news agency's Peking correspondent states that Ho Chen-chun, the State Council's special representative at Peking, has received telegrams from Yen Hui-shan and from Chang Hsueh-ling expressing in unequivocal terms their disapproval of the action and attitude of Feng Yu-hsiang towards the Central Government.

Yen Hui-shan's telegram is dated May 20, and severely censures Feng's subordinates for disturbing the peace of the country, and concludes by saying that such rebellious elements should be suppressed.
Chang Hsueh-ling's telegram states that the contempt for the President of the State Council expressed in the circular telegram by Feng's subordinates cannot be tolerated.—*Reuter.*

HUNAN COMMUNIST OUTBREAKS.

TWO IMPORTANT CITIES CAPTURED.
HO CHIEN TO RETURN?

Shanghai, May 24.
Startling news comes to hand from a Chenchow correspondent which may have material effect on the campaign against Kwangsi by General Ho Chien.

The correspondent reports that serious Communist outbreaks have occurred in the southern part of Hunan, Ho Chien's province, and that Kwei-tung and Yucheng have fallen into the hands of the Reds. There has been a terrible orgy of murder and pillage.

Chenchow, which is the principal city in this region, is now threatened by the Communist hordes, and the menace is serious unless General Ho Chien is able to send troops from Kwangsi to defend the city.
Kwei-tung, Chenchow and Yucheng are big places in the south of Hunan, close to the North Kwangtung border. It is thought probable that the outbreaks will cause a diversion of Ho Chien's campaign in Kwangsi, and bring some relief to the Kwangsi forces.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

NOTED ENGLISH SONG WRITER.

MR. W. A. MALLINSON NOW IN HONGKONG.

Mr. W. Albert Mallinson, the visiting examiner for Trinity College of Music (London) who has just arrived from London by the Rajputana, is the distinguished English song-writer. He has composed about 400 songs of which 200 are published. The bulk of these songs make great demands upon both singer and accompanist. His compositions also include a violin and piano sonata, a quartette for piano and strings, a trio for piano and strings, a setting for chorus and orchestra of Longfellow's "Tegner's Drapa," etc.

Mr. Mallinson, who resides permanently in Rome, married Madame Anna Steinhilber, a well-known Danish soprano, and together with her has toured the Continent of Europe, Scandinavia, and South Africa, giving recitals devoted to his compositions. In Australia and New Zealand they gave some 60 recitals, and subsequently the honour of rendering a programme of the composer's songs before the late Queen Alexandra, at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Mallinson has been closely associated with Trinity College as examiner for some fourteen years.

"MARSHAL OF FRANCE" TO DISAPPEAR.

PEACE-TIME CONFIRMATION DEROGATORY.

Paris, May 23.
The Cabinet has decided that there shall be no further promotions to the rank of Marshal of France, thus confirming the previous decision of the Government to allow the title to disappear by extinction.

It is felt that in view of the honour attending to the title in its association with the great soldiers of the War, its conferment in time of peace would be derogatory to the high distinction it carries.
Only four of the seven Marshals of France appointed during the European War are now living, namely, Marshal Joffre, Marshal Petain, Marshal Franchet D'Esperey and Marshal Lyautoy.—*Reuter.*

SAVINGS SOCIETY LAWSUIT.

JUDGMENT RESERVED AFTER LEGAL ARGUMENT.

Shanghai, May 23.
Following a three-hour legal argument, the French Consular Court reserved judgment in the lawsuit by Raymond Rudolf against the International Savings Society.
No witnesses were heard.
M. Rudolf is suing the I.S.S. for cash damages in respect of bonds of the Society which he holds. He alleges that the monthly bond-drawing is contrary to the French law prohibiting lotteries.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following is the disposition of warships now in port:
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